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News Briefs

Lost Property

Two handcarts, or Dollies, are missing from the Rhein-Main Post Office. The carts are used by patrons to haul packages to their cars.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of the carts should call 330-6384.

Caslot Sale

The Rhein-Main Commissary hosts the 3rd annual caslot sale Sept. 20-21.

This year's sale includes 89 different items with savings ranging from 17 to 64 percent off the normal everyday price. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. the 20th and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. the 21st.

Tuition Assistance

Air Force spouse tuition assistance applications are due next month.

Applications can be picked up at the education center or family support center in Bldg. 347. Completed applications should be returned no later than Oct. 3.



Courtesy photo

True blue

The 2003 edition of TOPS IN BLUE, "Soaring With Eagles" pays tribute to the proud history of the Centennial of Flight and 50 years of this Air Force Entertainment program. TOPS IN BLUE puts on a free show here Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. in Hangar 425. The 90-minute show will include songs from the past five decades. This show is their first stop in Germany.

Air Force turns 56

By Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE — Our service was born through the efforts of a unique collection of people who shared a vision of what airpower could contribute to America and drove to make that vision a reality — an independent Air Force. The National Security Act of 1947 created a separate U.S. Air Force and was signed into law by Presi-

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Make DUI prevention a priority

By Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE — There's nothing a commander hates more than calling or writing a family to tell them they've lost a son or daughter. In my thirty years of service, I've found nothing more painful and gut wrenching. Our great country has entrusted us with its most valuable resource — its sons and daughters. Commanders take very seriously their responsibility to protect their people. It's our highest priority.

Unfortunately, in my first week on the job at USAFE, we lost one of our own in a tragic car accident. It was a painful re-

minder that we have to put safety first — in the air and on the ground.

Whether it's lost man-hours or lost lives, we cannot afford the high cost of ignoring safety. It's like the laws of nature — you don't break them, they break you! So stop and think before you put yourself in an unsafe position.

The number of DUIs in USAFE is troubling. In fact, it can be fatal to our personnel and their careers, so let's take action before these DUIs turn into terrible tragedies. The beer over here has a higher alcohol content than we're used to, and the legal limits are lower — get the word out,

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Who is PAE, what do they do?

By Leonard Guy

Pacific Architects and Engineers

Pacific Architects and Engineers won the contract to provide base maintenance for Rhein-Main Air Base in October 1999. In addition, on a separate contract, PAE provides fuels operations and maintenance support to the base.

"In 1955 the PAE family of companies was founded with a simple goal to be a world-class competitor in architecture, engineering, operations and maintenance, logistics and other support services," said Allen Shay, chairman of the board and president of PAE.

Shay begins the PAE standards of business conduct and ethics booklet with these words.

Many of the base operations and support functions are accomplished almost seamlessly by PAE employees. Some of your first encounters at Rhein-Main are with PAE people.

The Traffic Management Office is staffed with PAE employees. They deal with travel requests, personal property shipments and cargo. The contract estimates that we will have 295 travel requests per month. In May of this year we had 531. In June and July we had 725 travel requests each month. Personal property shipments and other cargo are also hitting their summer peaks.

PAE employees also perform vehicle management and maintenance functions. Our vehicle in commission (VIC) rate for the entire fleet has been consistently above contract standards of 90 percent. The VIC rate for material handling equipment, refueling and fire trucks are all above contract standards. For vehicle operations the contract projections are 1,264 vehicle dis-

patches per month. We have had more than twice that for most of the last two years. As one can understand, vehicle operations is a vital part of the base's flying mission as it supports all inbound and outbound aircrews transiting the base.

Aerospace ground equipment & transient alert (AGE/TA) is another PAE responsibility.

The contract standard rate for AGE in commission is 90 percent. The U. S. Air Forces in Europe standard is 86 percent. PAE is consistently in the 97-98 percent range.

All this was accomplished while the number of transient aircraft tripled. We hit a high of 1,017 aircraft last March, a monumental task that could not be accomplished without supplementing the workforce. Military augmentation has played a significant role in keeping the aircraft rolling on time.

All of these aircraft need fuel, which is managed on a separate contract.

We have been averaging 13.5 million gallons of fuel per month for the last six months. This is more than twice what it was last year.

Although the PAE staff maintains the pipelines and keeps the tanks full, the aircraft refueling operation would not function so flawlessly without the joint effort of PAE employees and military augmentation.

The task of keeping the base maintained and operating falls to civil engineering. However, PAE has 150 employees supporting the operations side of facility management.

Over this past year PAE has received very high customer satisfaction ratings. The average of all ratings this calendar year is 4.92 out of 5.

Over the years Rhein-Main Air Base has

Commander's Action Line

The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf.

If you have any questions, call the 469th ABG/PA office at 330-7804 or e-mail at Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil.

Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

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Leaders issue Patriot Day message

Editor's note: By a joint resolution approved Dec. 18, 2001 (Public Law 107-89), the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."

WASHINGTON — The following is a Patriot Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:

The second anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, provides us all an opportunity to remember those murdered in New York, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania, as well as those patriots who have sacrificed their lives in the war on terror.

Through tragedy, our nation renewed its unending resolve to fight terrorism, to defend our way of life and to give hope to others suffering under repressive regimes that support terror.

Patriot Day reaffirms the airman's obligation to fight for what's right — obliterating terrorism on every front to ensure a safe tomorrow for future generations of Americans and freedom-loving people around the world.

You — America's finest men and women who comprise our Air Force — are doing absolutely remarkable

work around the globe.

From our own skies to the front lines in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world, our superior Total Force of active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian airmen continues to respond brilliantly as the world's greatest air and space force. Rest assured, you're making it more difficult every day for terrorists to have their way. On this Patriot Day, let's remember those who are deployed in harm's way.

Just as important, let's renew our commitment to the families of those who are deployed. The unwavering commitment to their loved ones far from home is phenomenal; the cause for which their loved ones serve is noble and just.

As we've seen, winning the war on terrorism is a long and deliberate journey — we're confident you are up to the task. Be patient and stay the course — we will continue to face challenges and overcome obstacles as we win the war on terrorism.

Thanks for all you do for America and our Air Force. May God bless you, and may God bless America.



Photo by Michael Pendergrass

Military members rendered honors as fire and rescue workers unfurled a huge American flag over the side of the Pentagon during rescue and recovery work following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.



Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau

Pulling his weight

Senior airman Scott Brady, 469th Fire Department, practices the "hose hoist" event of the firefighter's challenge. The event involves pulling a 45-lb donut roll of large diameter hose and 16 meters of rope up a stairway tower. Members of the Rhein-Main Fire Department will be competing in a regional firefighter's challenge at Ramstein Air Base Sept. 27.

Warriors of the Week



Sgt. Chris Bodoh

Unit: 64th Replacement Company

Time in Service: 2 1/2 years

Duty Title: Food service operations shift leader

Hometown: Auburn, N. Y.

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends

What has been your best experience in the Army?

Being able to serve the troops who support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom



Sgt. 1st Class Kontrina Chaplin

Unit: 64th Replacement Company

Time in Service: 17 years

Duty Title: NCOIC, theater replacement operations

Hometown: Fayetteville, N.C.

Hobbies: Sleeping, singing and harassing kids

What has been your best experience in the Army?

Making the commandant's list at Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course

Base Heating Policy

As the weather gets colder and the fall and winter months approach, many people may have questions about when the heat gets turned on in base buildings and housing.

The following information should answer people's heating questions.

Heating systems will officially begin when one of the following conditions is met:

- When there are three consecutive days where the temperature does not rise above 60 degrees (F);
- If the installation commander deems it appropriate;
- Otherwise Oct. 1 is the start date for heating

Some people may experience problems when turning the heat on, some common ones are:

- A pipe leaks or breaks when lines are put under pressure;
- Excessive air in the heating lines may exist, and they must be bled. This typically takes several days depending on the type of system and facility. It takes longer to bleed radiators on upper floors, and in some cases heat will have to be turned off in the entire stairwell/building to make repairs. Air in the lines will sometimes cause noise, which will stop when the lines are bled.

Anyone who experiences problems after the heat is turned on should call 330/699-7789 for assistance.

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dent Harry Truman on July 26 of that year. The swearing in of the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, on Sept. 18, 1947, marks the official birthday of the Air Force.

There's no doubt that today our Air Force is the world's most respected air and space force in the world. Our success is founded upon an unwavering commitment to innovation, cutting-edge technology and recruiting and retaining the very best people

our nation has to offer.

In U.S. Air Forces in Europe, America's airmen have proudly supported combat and humanitarian operations, as well as exercises and training missions ... from the northern tip of Norway to the southern coast of South Africa ... from the Berlin Airlift to today's continuing global war on terrorism.

On Sept. 18, as our Air Force celebrates 56 years of providing decisive airpower for America and our allies, USAFE airmen continue to serve from locations around the

globe — helping to rebuild Iraq, patrolling the skies in Bosnia and providing personnel recovery and emergency evacuations in Liberia. Our people clearly provide the vital link, using innovation and technology to ensure we remain ready to meet the diverse challenges of the 21st Century.

To all of the members of USAFE — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, retired and your families — thank you for your dedication and commitment. I salute you for continuing our rich legacy of service.

Working overtime

Two TDY medical technicians open their doors to anyone in need

**By Senior Airman
Andrew Rouleau**
Public Affairs

There are hundreds of servicemembers currently TDY at Rhein-Main Air Base, doing their part to help keep this base and its missions going.

Tech. Sgt. Brian Carder and Master Sgt. John Morin are two people who take care of their own mission and put in extra work everyday in areas that aren't even their responsibility.

Carder and Morin are both independent duty medical technicians for Detachment 3, 401st Air Expeditionary Wing. They are both here TDY from the Air Force Academy, where Carder runs the family practice department and Morin runs the emergency department.

"Their main duty is to run the contingency processing center for people who are going to the Balkans," said Capt. Richard Macalino, Det. 3 commander. "Their duties entail doing pre and post deployment medical screenings, drawing blood, conducting training for self aid buddy care and giving medical threat assessment briefings."

But besides doing their regular jobs, Morin and Carder have been working hard to offer their services to anyone who needs



Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau

Tech. Sgt. Brian Carder, left, and Master Sgt. John Morin, right, stabilize a patient's ankle. Carder and Morin are both independent duty medical technicians who are here TDY.

them.

"We have been providing medical attention to everyone who lives in the contingency dorms," Morin said. "These are security forces augmentees, services people, people who work at the terminal, pretty much anyone who is here TDY."

Morin said that they have seen permanent party people on weekends, the German security personnel here and even some of the housekeepers.

"These people all provide services here," Morin said. "I have no problem giving them all medical attention. We are medical personnel, that's what we do."

Carder and Morin get the word out by handing out fliers to everyone who processes through them — they also give out their cell phone numbers in case of emergencies.

On Aug. 25, something happened that would increase their

workload even more.

Maj. Steve Iusband, a flight doctor who was TDY here, had a heart attack.

"He was complaining of chest pain, but he thought it was from a pulled muscle," Carder said.

Carder said that Iusband kept looking worse — he and Morin thought it was serious so they took him to the Rhein-Main Clinic.

An ambulance was called and Iusband ended up in the University Clinic. Where he was told he had suffered a heart attack.

For three weeks there was no flight doctor present, so Carder and Morin provided medical services to all of the C-17 flight personnel that were here.

Carder and Morin work every Monday through Saturday, and are always on call.

"These guys will never turn away a patient," Macalino said. "They see it as their duty. But what they are doing goes above and beyond the call of duty. They are both very high speed, and very professional."

Carder and Morin will be leaving Rhein-Main the last week of October.

Until then, Morin and Carder said they will continue to work their hardest to provide medical attention to those who need it.

PREVENTION, from Page 1

don't assume you're safe to drive. If you have to think about it, you probably ought to hand over the keys or call for a ride. Commanders need to get out in front of this, and we need to look out for each other. The first step is prevention...

However, because DUIs are so costly both institutionally and personally, we also need a strategy of deterrence in our fight against DUIs. The first phase of this deterrence strategy will be random vehicle checks. In the near future we will start conducting ran-

dom vehicle checks at all our USAFE bases. These vehicle checks are intended to show our commitment to reducing the number of DUIs throughout our command. Everyone must understand the ramifications of a DUI, while the ultimate punishment is up to the individual's commander based on the particular circumstances, a DUI could be a career ender.

We can't afford to lose anyone from this great team of ours. Only through prevention and deterrence can we successfully execute our role as faithful custodians of our most valuable resource, the young men and women of America.



Photo by Kevin McGillivray

(Above) An elementary school teacher provides guidance to students during their first day of school. (Right) Fruits and veggies were on the menu in the school cafeteria.



Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau



Students in Anne Cotton's first-grade class at Hain are captivated by a story during the first full day of school.

Making the

DoD students score

By Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Results show Defense Department school system students scored consistently higher than the national average on a standardized test.

Numbers from the 2003 TerraNova 2nd Edition standardized test revealed DOD third- to eleventh-graders scored higher than the national 50th-percentile average in the United States. But Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, is already looking at ways to improve the upcoming school year's curriculum for even better results in the future.

"We're trying to be a leader. We're trying to look at programs and ... make them better so that our students are more successful," Tafoya said. "And so our efforts to improve test scores continue; our efforts to have kids have more access to challenging courses continue.

"We know that every kid in our system needs to take algebra and geometry, and not

only do they need to take it, they need to be successful. So we're putting (in) a lot of time and effort to do that," he said.

The TerraNova test is a nationally standardized achievement test in which students are evaluated in reading, language arts, math, social studies and science.

Test results showed DOD students consistently scored 10 to 20 points higher than the national average in 37 of the 45 subtests, and 21 to 25 points higher in five subtests.

Tafoya said he hopes curriculum changes in the upcoming school year at DOD high schools will result in even better test results. He said this year's high school curricula were standardized to focus on literacy and algebra skills, along with language support and computer-oriented math instruction.

Some of the high school-level



Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau

It wasn't all work during the first week of the new school year. Students had fun during lunch recess.



Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau

Halvorsen-Turner American School at Rhein-Main
of class Sept. 3.



Photo by Kevin McGillivray

Students depart a bus near the shoppette on their way to school. Base residents are reminded to be extra cautious when approaching a school bus. Passing a stopped school bus from either direction is prohibited on base.

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high on national test

going to sit back and say we're doing (well). "We're continuing use that as an emphasis and help

our kids and DOD schools to be among the best," he said.

Tofoya said having outstanding students has been the work of "great administrators and teachers." But, he said, the keys to the success of the military education program have been the parents and military commands that support DOD schools.

"They are very interested," he said. "The quality of the education of their students is paramount all the way from the very top at the ... Pentagon down to the local bases and schools. So with that, we believe we have an advantage."

The education activity operates 224 fully accredited public schools in 21 districts in 14 countries, seven states and the U.S. territories of Guam and Puerto Rico.

About 106,000 students are enrolled in DOD schools.

curriculum changes will be considered for elementary and middle schools in the future "to ensure that all kids are getting the same curriculum and the same opportunity," he said. Another initiative Tafoya said may have helped students score well was the educational activity's focus on getting students to read.

Tafoya also said that DOD schools scored high on the National Assessment of Education Progress evaluation test. As with the TerraNova test, this evaluation assesses students' know-how in various subject areas.

He said the gap between minority and other students was the smallest in the nation, and DOD students ranked No. 1 in overall writing skills.

"So we have this very high-level degree of success," Tafoya said. "Obviously we're very proud of those scores, but we're not

Focus on the children

By Staff Sgt. Matt Summers
Public Affairs

There are several pieces to the puzzle of why students in Defense Department schools score above average on national tests, according to Su Somaini, third-year principal at Halvorsen-Turner American School at Rhein-Main.

Somaini, who has 25 years experience in the DoD school system, said a primary reason is the tremendous amount of support provided to students from parents and the military, plus a dynamic teaching staff and curriculum. Keeping up a constant dialogue and open lines of communication between parents and teachers is critical to eliminate any problems with student's ability to learn.

"In the civilian world do you think I could call up the president of a company and tell them workers need to attend parent-teacher conferences?" she said. "That is the kind of support we receive from the military community. We don't have a problem with military parents being involved in their children's education."

Change is another constant educator's must face with each school year. Somaini estimates from 40-50 percent of the 330 students at Rhein-Main are new each year. Students have learned to turn change into a positive, according to Somaini.

"I'm amazed at the flexibility these children show in embracing new students – there's never an odd-man out," she said. "The children know they will soon be the new kid at another school so they treat the new students the way they would want to be treated."

Positive role models in the form of parents also provide a stimulus for learning, according to the principal.

"Our parents have 100 percent employment, something that you don't have in the civilian world," she said. "This eliminates many distractions and the children are ready to come to school and learn."

Learning about hispanic culture

By Master Sgt. Robert Tejada
Base clinic

Cinco de Mayo, (Spanish for "Fifth of May"), is a national holiday in Mexico, but it is also celebrated in regions of the United States with sizeable communities of Mexican origin, including the Southwest, southern California, and other areas.

The holiday is sometimes confused with Mexican Independence Day (September 16), which commemorates the anniversary of the day in 1810 when revolutionary priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla issued a proclamation declaring Mexico independent from Spain. However, it actually commemorates the Mexican Army's defeat of French forces on May 5, 1862, in the Batalla de Puebla (Battle of Puebla).

The battle was part of a French campaign to install a European monarch, the Austrian archduke Maximilian, as emperor of Mexico.

At the time the French army was among the best equipped and most highly regarded

fighting forces in the world. French troops expected to march from the port city of Veracruz in eastern Mexico to Mexico City with little resistance from Mexican troops.

French forces planned to take the city and impose Maximilian as Mexico's ruling monarch.

Anticipating the attack, Mexican forces, under General Ignacio Zaragoza, prepared to confront the advancing French troops at the city of Puebla, east of Mexico City.

On May 5, 1862, after two hours of fierce fighting, the smaller Mexican Army prevailed and forced the French to retreat. Zaragoza led the Mexican army to victory over the French forces of Emperor Napoleon III. The triumph of Mexican forces at the Battle of Puebla became a symbol of Mexican unity and patriotism.

The triumph proved to be only a temporary setback for the French, who returned to Mexico with a large army and conquered the country in 1863.

However, the valor of those who fought the Battle of Puebla bolstered Mexico's



Hispanic Heritage Events

The following is a list of local events that are taking place in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month:

- There is a special hispanic buffet from 6 - 9 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Rheinlander Club on Anderson Barracks in Dexheim.
- The Rhein-Main Hispanic Heritage Club hosts a block party Sept. 20 in the shoppette parking lot from 4 - 9 p.m. There will be pinatas, a jalapeno eating contest and free food and soft drinks.
- The Rhein-Main Hispanic Heritage Club hosts a cooking class at Our House Sept. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- The Rhein-Main Hispanic Heritage Club holds a Kid's Night Out Sept. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the youth activities center.
- Hot Molina, a latin band, puts on a free show Oct. 2 at the Rheinlander Club in Baumholder at 7 p.m.

pride and helped to sustain its citizens during the period of French occupation, which ended in 1867.

The Mexicans first celebrated Cinco de Mayo under French rule, and they changed the name of the city where their victory occurred to Puebla de Zaragoza.

Modern Cinco de Mayo festivities often include sports events, parades, mariachi music, dancing, picnics featuring Mexican food and beauty contests.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

Environmentally Sound

Axel Grell of the 469th Air Base Group Environmental Office inspects an oil spill from an abandoned car in the 64th Replacement Company's parking lot. If service members suspect environmental contamination or have any concerns about the Rhein-Main environment they should call the environmental office at 330-7844.

Members are also reminded to report any suspicious vehicles or vehicles without license plates to the law enforcement desk at 330-7177.

469th wins intramural football title

Champions squeek past 62nd for a 14-13 victory in final game

By Senior Airman Andrew Rouleau
Public Affairs

In a suspenseful game that came down to the last play, the 469th intramural football team beat the 62nd, made up of deployed servicemembers, 14-13 in the championship game Aug. 28.

The two teams were tied at half time 7-7, as defense dominated the game. Both teams had multiple turnovers throughout, and it became apparent that points were going to be hard to come by.

Midway through the second half the 62nd scored on a pass play. However, they could not convert on the extra point and they settled for a 13-7 lead.

The 469th responded when Robert Tejada, 469th quarterback/coach, connected on a 25-yard touchdown pass with receiver Derrick Peters. They were then able to convert on the extra point to give them a 14-13 lead.

Both teams had chances to score after that. The 469th had two sets of downs from the 10-yard line, but were unable to score.

The 62nd drove the ball down the field, and were in scoring position with a couple of minutes left.

Doug Carson, 469th defender, got the



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

Phillip Sisneros, 469th defender, takes the flag of 62nd quarterback, Troy Benke, during the intramural football championship game August 28. The 469th won 14-13.

quarterback's flag on back-to-back plays, and time eventually ran out, giving the 469th the first-place finish.

"I thought Doug Carson came up huge for us," said Tejada. "Without his defensive pressure there is no way we would have been able to win this game."

"I also thought Carl Alvarez stepped up his play this game," Tejada said.

Alvarez, who played center and line-backer, had some key catches throughout the game.

After taking first place during the regular season, only having one loss, the 469th went into the playoffs feeling very confident.

"I started this team just so we could have some fun and something to do," Tejada said. "We are a pretty old team, I didn't really have any expectations at the beginning of the season. But after we kept winning games, I knew we could win the league."

The only loss the 469th had during the regular season was against the fire department, who they played in the first round of the playoffs.

"We got payback on the fire department," Tejada said. "We beat them when it really counted."

Tony Trevino, running back, said the key to his team's championship run was the chemistry between players.

"We won because we depended on and trusted our teammates," Trevino said. "We worked as a true team. We had different people step up in different games. We were able to keep our poise when it counted most."

Even though the 469th won the game, Tejada stated one thing cannot be overlooked; the play of the 62nd.

"The games were a lot more competitive in the playoffs," Tejada said. "The 62nd impressed me a lot. They gave us all we could handle. I don't think we played a closer game all year — that's the way it should be."



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland

The 62nd coach picks up his papers, after throwing his clipboard down in disgust —realizing his team was going to lose the game.

Saying goodbye

Friend pays tribute to Rhein-Main member who passed away

Editor's note: The following letter was submitted to the public affairs office by Doug Stanley, sports and fitness director of the 414th BSB, Hanau.

It was written by members of the Rhein-Main Rockets Alumni group.

Norman McGeorge—simply known to all his friends, and he had many, as “Mac,” passed away several weeks ago and is remembered by his many friends.

Mac clearly had no enemies, he was beloved by all he came in contact with—particularly the Rhein-Main Football Team during the late 1980's and early 1990's.

It is difficult to

gauge, but one could argue that Mac was the biggest all-time Rockets fan.

Before the Air Force adopted their core

values of service before self, excellence in all you do, and integrity first, Mac epitomized all of them.

He served as equipment manager in the



Courtesy photo

Norm McGeorge, far right, a long-time employee of the Gateway Inn. McGeorge passed away last month.

late 80's—when the Rockets were enjoying perhaps the biggest championship run in USAFE football history. Mac was there everyday handing out equipment to players and making sure cold water was available, without ever asking for or even expecting so much as a thank you.

Because, you see, Mac was a sports purist at heart. He could recite trivia from all major sports, few could keep up with him when he was on a

trivia roll, and whenever you needed someone to talk to, vent to or have a beer with, Mac was there.

Mac was “excellence in all he did.” When he was working a football game he was in his best element.

He worked with a fervor to get things done right for the coaches and team. Footballs were placed on the field for the special teams in perfect order, jerseys and pants were cleaned and handed out to the players the day before games, the Rocket was positioned in the end zone with care and after every Rhein-Main touchdown his crew would set off pyrotechnics, to the fans delight.

Mac was the first to arrive and the last to depart making sure every detail was checked and double checked. He made things easy for the team and staff.

If you met him on the street, winter or summer, rain or shine, he always had his Rocket jacket on. He will be missed by his Rocket family. Godspeed Mac.

Sincerely,

*Capt. Donald Gregson;
Chief Warrant Officer Guy Hunter;
Chief Master Sgt. Tim Langley;
Master Sgt. Rich Lawton;
Mike Drew; and
Doug Stanley
1988-1993 Rocket Football Teams*

The 469th Air Base Group safety challenge!

In an effort to increase safety awareness at Rhein-Main the safety office created the safety challenge. The following answers are from the Aug. 29 safety challenge.

Winners receive prizes courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service base exchange, shoppette and food court and the 469th ABG Services Flight.

Look for the next safety challenge in the Sept. 26 edition of *the Gateway*.



Following are the answers from the Aug. 29 crime test:

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| 1) C - a first floor window | 9) A - Fire |
| 2) A - center lane | 10) D - car jacking |
| 3) B - 1 in 25 | 11) A - increases |
| 4) A - True | 12) B - False |
| 5) B - False | 13) A - the kitchen |
| 6) B - three | 14) D - August |
| 7) B - False | 15) B - Rape |
| 8) D - you have recently moved into your home | |

Youth Soccer

The Rhein-Main Junior Youth Soccer Team (teenagers, 13-15) played Wiesbaden Team #2 at Mainz-Kastel Sept. 6. The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Goal scorers for Rhein-Main were Lukas Cruszkowski and Patrick Barrenechea.

Volksmarch

A back to school volksmarch takes place Saturday at 10 a.m. at Our House. Food will be served at 11:30 a.m., with family lawn games beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed. Call 330-7992 for more information.

Newcomer's Briefing

A newcomer's briefing takes place Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Zeppelinhaus.

Find out about working on Rhein-Main and living in Germany. There will be great speakers from many base agencies. Seating is limited. Child care reimbursement is available.

For more information call the FSC at 330/699-7992.

Finance Class

The family support center holds a basic financial management class Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the FSC classroom in Bldg. 347. The class will include a review of the fundamentals of effective money management.

This class is mandatory for all newly arrived E-4's and below.

Stop by the FSC or call 330/699-7992 for more information.

Walking Tour

The next Frankfurt Walking Tour takes place Thursday at 7:45 a.m. Participants should meet in the shoppette parking lot. Learn about public transportation, the city and more. Call the FSC at 330/699-7992 for more information or to sign up.

Open House

H.H. Arnold High School has an open house Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

The open house takes place in the school auditorium.

DRMO Drop Off

Official DRMO collection begins Sept. 22 in Bldg. 341. The collection runs through Oct. 3 and is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information call 330-7303.

Family Portraits

Family portraits will be taken Sept. 23 after 3 p.m. in Halvorsen-Tunner School. Call 330-7561 or 0175-883-1241 for an appointment.

Veterans Affairs

A U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs veterans benefits briefing takes place Sept. 23 from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 347, room 24. Call 330-7992 to sign up.

TAP Seminars

The family support center offers Transition Assistance Program Seminars once a quarter. The next TAP seminar takes place Sept. 23-25 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the FSC classroom.

Call the FSC at 330-7992 for more information and to sign up.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Halvorsen-Tunner School Student Pictures Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Those interested should call 0175-883-1241 or e-mail school.officer@rheinmain.af.mil.

Give Parents A Break

The next Give Parents A Break takes place Sept. 26. The last day to sign up is Sept. 24. Those interested should contact their first sergeant or call the family support center at 330-7992. The program is subject to availability.

POW/MIA Day

The Rhein-Main Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter sponsors several POW/MIA Day recognition events Thursday.

Ernst Floeter, a former POW in World War II, will speak at the Z-Haus at 2:30 p.m. A retreat ceremony at the base flag pole is

Movies Rhein-Main

Tonight - "28 Days Later," (R), 7 p.m.
Saturday - "Daddy Day Care," (PG), 5 p.m., and "S. W. A. T.," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.
Sunday - "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Wednesday - "Jeepers Creepers 2," (R), 7 p.m.
Sept. 19 - "Open Range," (R), 7 p.m.
Sept. 20 - "Sinbad: Legend Of The Seven Seas," (PG), 2 p.m., "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Terminator 3: Rise Of The Machines," (R), 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 - "2 Fast 2 Furious," (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 - "The Order," (R), 7 p.m.
Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp

Want Ads

Cleaning: Looking for a person who does PCS cleaning. Call Liz at 0170-2733-0727.

Free Dogs: One male and one female Cocker Spaniels, neutered and spade. Dogs are up on all shots and well behaved. For more information call 9563-8799.

set for 4:30 p.m. and a tiger cage demonstration will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the base exchange.

Lunch Tickets

School lunch tickets are now available for purchase. These tickets can often be purchased at a reduced price, and, in certain instances, are available free of charge.

Those interested should pick up an application at the school office and apply.

Test Recalls

The following CLEP tests are being recalled in November: Mathematics General; Natural Science General; English General; Spanish; History of U.S. Part I and II and Accounting.

Call 330-7487 for details.

A grand German tradition: Oktoberfest

Learn more about the history and customs of Germany's biggest festival

Story by Monika Salfelder
Public Affairs

The internationally famous Oktoberfest draws hundreds of thousands of people to Munich every year.

Here is the history behind it:

The original reason for the Oktoberfest was to remember the wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, later to become King Ludwig I, and Princess Therese of Saxonia "Sachsen-Hildburghausen." King Ludwig I, also called "Crazy Ludwig", built the famous Neu-Schwanstein, amongst a number of other castles.

All citizens of Munich were invited to the wedding, which was celebrated October 12, 1810. The festivities took place in a meadow, located outside the city limits at that time. The meadow was named Theresienwiese (Theresa's Green or Meadow of Therese) in honor of princess Therese.

The high light of the wedding was a horse race in the presence of the royal family. It was repeated the following year, and the Oktoberfest was born.

In addition to the horse race, agricultural exhibits were added the next year to help Bavaria's farming to improve and develop.

In the beginning, the amusement pro-



Courtesy photo

Hundreds of people gather in one of the main tents at Oktoberfest. Nearly six million people converged on Munich for the 2002 Oktoberfest.

vided were little food stands, then in 1815 they had the first "Oktoberfestbier" (Meadowbeer); a carousel and two big swings were added in 1818.

Visitors could purchase beer in real beer booths from 1820 on and in 1881 the biggest chicken rotisserie in the world opened on the fair grounds. From 1895 on, the beer huts were developed into proper beer castles with towers.

Between 1939-1948 there were no Oktoberfests because of World War II. For organizational reasons the horse races didn't continue when the Oktoberfest was reestablished in 1949. However the agricultural exhibits resumed and are done every three years.

This year Oktoberfest begins Sept. 20 with a parade of flower covered horse carts, drawn by six to eight horses and carrying the tent keepers families. The Oktoberfest-waitresses ride in decorated wagons. Town officials and bands in the traditional "Lederhosen" (leather trousers) also take part in the parade.

At high noon on Saturday the mayor of Munich taps the first keg of beer in the

Schottenhammel tent, a tradition which was invented by Mayor Thomas Wimmer in 1950.

There is another parade Sunday at 10 a.m. with participants from Germany and many other countries in historic uniforms and native costumes.

Although the Oktoberfest was originally held in Oktober it has shifted to September to avoid bad weather. It lasts for 16 days and is the world's largest fair.

Only breweries from Munich are allowed to sell beer at the Oktoberfest and each of Munich's breweries sets up its own tent, which easily hold 5,000 people each.

It takes 10 weeks to erect such a tent, and another five weeks to tear it down. Beer is served in 1 liter mugs, and normally the waitresses carry 8 - 10 or even 12 - 14 mugs at one time. There is a lot of traditional food like "Brathendl" (grilled chicken), "Münchener Weisse" (veal sausage), pork sausage, grilled trout and eel.

The Rhein MainTicket and Tours Office offers trips to the Oktoberfest. Call 330-7459 for more information.



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A waiter in traditional lederhosen prepares to serve liters of beer.